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This letter is sent to applicant to clarify the status of claims 15 and 16 which were inadvertently omitted in the Examiner's Answer (page 7) of 1/22/2008 and in the Final Rejection mailed June 5, 2007 (page 6). It is noted that both the Final Rejection and the Examiner's Answer failed to include claims 15 and 16 in the 103(a) rejection as being unpatentable over Rupp et al (US 6,740,167) in view of Burk, Jr. et al (US 5,788,777) though the body of the rejection/arguments in both actions includes a discussion of claims 15 and 16, see Final Rejection, pages 8, 9 and Examiner's Answer, page 9. Thus, the examiner wishes to apologize for the typographical error and clarify that the correct statement of rejection should read:

Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, and 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rupp et al (US 6,740,167) in view of Burk, Jr. (US 5,788,777).

Furthermore, this correspondence is sent to verify that the reply brief filed 2/26/2008 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

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